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SUBJECT: INTERFERENCE WITH RADIO SARAJEVO

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I. SINCE 26 JUNE 1974, AFN TRANSMITTERS AT KAISERSLAUTERN, NUERNBERG AND GRAFENWOEHR HAVE OPERATED ON 611 KHZ DURING THE EVENING /AT REDUCED POWER IN AN EFFORT TO ELIMINATE THE INTERFERENCE WITH RADIO SARAJEVO IN YUGOSLAVIA. AFN PLANS TO CONDUCT ANOTHER TEST AS OUTLINED BELOW WITH THE INTENT OF DETERMINING THE EXTENT OF INTERFERENCE, IF ANY.

A. ON NOVEMBER 12, 13 AND 14 THERE WILL BE A TEST ON THE FREQUENCY OF 611 KHZ BY KAISERSLAUTERN, NUERNBERG AND GRAFENWOEHR SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2000 HOURS, KAISERSLAUTERN WILL REMAIN ON, NUERNBERG AND GRAFENWOEHR SIGN OFF.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2000 HOURS, NUERNBERG WILL REMAIN ON, KAISERSLAUTERN AND GRAFENWOEHR SIGN OFF.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2000 HOURS, GRAFENWOEHR WILL
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REMAIN ON, NUERNBERG AND KAISERSLAUTERN SIGN OFF.

B. TESTS WILL BEGIN AT 2000 CET, TRANSMITTER
REMAINING ON THE AIR WILL ALTERNATE BETWEEN FULL POWER
AND LOW POWER ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

2000 HOURS TO 2200, FULL POWER
2200 HOURS TO 2400, LOW POWER
0000 HOURS TO 0200, FULL POWER
0200 HOURS TO 0400, LOW POWER
0400 HOURS RESUME NORMAL OPERATION

C. SPECIAL MUSIC PROGRAMS WILL BE AIRED BY
STATIONS CONCERNED, WITH STATION IDENTIFICATION AFTER
EACH MUSICAL SELECTION IN ORDER TO FACILITATE TEST
RESULTS.

D. THE DATES FOR THE TEST CAN BE ADJUSTED IF
DESIRED.

2. IN ORDER TO RESPOND AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE TO DEPT'S
SUGGESTION (SEE REFTTEL) THAT POWER REDUCTION TESTS BE
CONDUCTED IN COOPERATION WITH GOY, EMBASSY BELGRADE
MIGHT WISH TO INFORM GOY OF UPCOMING AFN TEST PROGRAM
AND ATTEMPT TO ENLIST THEIR HELP. SHOULD YUGOSLAVS
DECLINE OFFER, AFN IS PREPARED TO CONDUCT UNILATERAL
TESTS MONITORED BY US PERSONNEL.

3. PURPOSE OF TESTS WOULD BE TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS
IN FACT AUDIBLE INTERFERENCE FROM THE AFN TRANSMITTERS
ON EITHER OF THE POWER LEVELS. IN ORDER TO MAKE TESTS
RESULTS AS OBJECTIVE AS POSSIBLE, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT
A TAPE RECORDING OF THE 611 KHZ RECEPTION BE MADE AND,
IF POSSIBLE, FIELD STRENGTH READINGS OF RADIO SARAJEVO
AND AFN BE OBTAINED.

4. PLEASE INFORM EMBASSY BONN AS TO WHAT ARRANGEMENTS
HAVE BEEN MADE FOR MONITORING THE 611 KHZ FREQUENCY AND
THE AGREED UPON DATES FOR THE TESTS SO THAT USAREUR/AFN
REPRESENTATIVES MAY PROCEED WITH THEIR PREPARATIONS.
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